

## Pinterest for Teachers

With the overwhelming resources available to educators on the web, Pinterest offers a logical and intuitive solution to managing these resources. Pinterest automatically links a pin back to the site it comes from so users do not have to remember URLs. Teachers can use Pinterest to organize lesson plans, design curricula, work closely with other educators, and even involve students through their Pinterest boards.

Educators are known for their organizational skills and using Pinterest provides an online filing system for resources found through the internet. It is a source of ideas from other educators and a means of sharing your own ideas. Pinboards provide students working on group projects an accessible means of sharing ideas found while collaborating on projects. Teachers can create assignments by sharing links to assignments or resources with their class and students are happy to be using a tool that makes learning fun for them.

Pinterest is overflowing with resources for students and teachers. They can search for specific ideas; browse through a variety of educational tools and even filter their favorites. It also offers educators a way to learn from and use ideas that other teachers have pinned to specific boards by following them through Pinterest. Some education specific ideas for using Pinterest include:

- Classroom Content
  - Create resource boards
  - Pin current events or issues for students to read daily
  - Search for specific topics
  - Save information for future lesson plans
- Organize Ideas
  - Save links to topic boards
  - Add comments to these links
  - Create a board for each subject
- Collaborate with Others
  - Find other educators with similar interests
  - Open board to the community so others can post to them too
  - Connect with home school groups
- Involve Students
  - Combine ideas and sources for classroom projects
  - Community boards for group projects
  - Promote online student work

In this workshop, participants will create their own Pinterest accounts using their email address. They will create boards using relevant educational topics, follow other educators, and learn install a Pin it Button on their own computers.